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**PATENT**  
**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: KCX-970(19741)**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application: DeLucia, et al. ) Examiner: Kuo Liang Peng  
Serial No.: 10/724,654 ) Group Art Unit: 1712  
Filed: December 1, 2003 ) Dep. Acct. No.: 04-1403  
Title: Method of Thermally Processing ) Conf. No.: 2326  
Elastomeric Compositions and )  
Elastomeric Compositions with )  
Improved Processability )

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 28, 2006, please amend the above-captioned applications as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on p. 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on pg. 8 of this paper.